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SUBJECT: THE ARAB LEAGUE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS

REF: A. CAIRO 129 B. STATE 7606 Classified By: Minister Counselor for Economic and Political Affairs William R. Stewart for reasons 1.4 (b) and 1.(C) Summary: The Arab League (AL) advisor on to SYG Moussa on African Affairs told us on January 29 that the January 14 Arab-African Coordin

2.(C) Summary Continued: The AL is somewhat optimistic on Somalia due to the withdrawal of Ethiopian forces and the meeting of Somali leaders i

3.(C) Zeid al-Sabban, Advisor to the Arab League (AL) Secretary General on African Affairs, told us on January 29 that the Arab-African Coordin

4.(C) Sabban told us that Bassole and the Qatari Government were working closely together in their respective roles as chief mediator and host

5.(SBU) Sabban asked if the USG had a position on Article 16 or would the U.S. abstain during a UNSC vote. He also queried us on who would be t

6.(C) Sabban said that the recent withdraw of Ethiopian troops from Somalia represented a "great opportunity" to establish "peace and stability

7.(SBU) Sabban told us AL SYG Moussa was pleased that the AL was included in the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) (reft

8.(C) Sabban told us that the AL and AU had "frank" discussions on Mauritania. The AL is not supporting or condemning the current regime in Mau

9.(C) Comment: The AL and AU are trying to get a sense of how UNSC countries feel about Article 16 before pushing the idea in New York. While s